

Remarks

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11 have been allowed. Claims 12 and 13 were previously canceled.

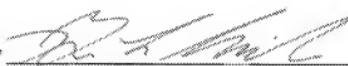
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except that the disclosure is objected to because it lacks a Brief Description of the Drawings. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the Specification is amended herein to add that section heading above paragraph [0021]. Other section headings are also amended or added herein in accordance with U.S. procedure, including the addition of certain boilerplate text following paragraph [0027]. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicants have filed a complete response to the outstanding Office Action and respectfully submit that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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